

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION**

COTTONWOOD
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID BERNHARDT, in his official
capacity as Secretary of the Interior;
STEVE BULLOCK, in his official
capacity as Governor of the State of
Montana; CAM SHOLLY, in his
official capacity as Park
Superintendent, Yellowstone National
Park; LEANNE MARTEN, in her
official capacity as Regional Forester,
U.S. Forest Service; NATIONAL
PARK SERVICE; U.S. FOREST
SERVICE; USDA-ANIMAL &
PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION
SERVICE,

Defendants.

No. CV 18-12-BU-SEH

ORDER

On March 24, 2020, Neighbors Against Bison Slaughter and Bonnie Lynn, neither of whom is a party to this action, filed a Motion for Leave to Appear at the March 31, 2020, Hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Consolidate,¹ seeking to respond to inquiries or questions which might be posed by the Court at the hearing on

¹ Doc. 106.

Plaintiff's Motion to Consolidate.² Neither requested to appear as a friend of the court or to be joined as a party under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.³

The Federal Defendants oppose the motion.⁴ Plaintiff and Defendant Steve Bullock do not oppose the motion.⁵

In order to afford the Court adequate opportunity to fully consider issues presented by the pending motions,⁶

ORDERED:

The hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Consolidate⁷ set for 10:00 a.m. (MST) on March 31, 2020, is VACATED to be reset by further order of Court.

DATED this th27 day of March, 2020.


SAM E. HADDON
United States District Judge

² Doc. 89.

³ See FED. R. CIV. P. 8, 9, 12–15, 17–20, and 22.

⁴ See Doc. 106 at 2.

⁵ See Doc. 106 at 2. Counsel for some of the parties have stated in filings an intention to file response and reply briefs by March 29, 2020.

⁶ See Docs. 89 and 106.

⁷ Doc. 89.